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THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

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Residents will soon be able to take a more comfortable stroll in Van Buren Township as 225 feet of concrete is replaced in the Downtown Development Authority area.

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The Canton Farmers Market will be open this Sunday, May 16, at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road, with COVID-19 safety guidelines in place.

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City of Inkster was among the five communities who will share \$200,000 in grant funding from the Community Policing Innovations Initiative.

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Unofficial results of the May 4 millage vote in the Northville Public Schools indicate that the non-home-stead operating millage renewal request was approved.

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Water quality concerns communities

Canton Township hires firm to perform cross connection system testing

Canton Township residents may see some unexpected visitors to their property during the next few weeks as part of an inspection of the municipal water system.

Township officials have agreed to a contract with Hydrocorp to perform residential cross connection control inspections throughout Canton. The inspection is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act and administered by the state Great Lakes and Energy department which has instituted rules to protect drinking water and to prevent cross connections that may contaminate

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public drinking water systems. State law requires all communities to implement a program for removal of all existing cross connections and the prevention of all future cross connections.

Officials said that most residential contamination risks come from the large number of underground irrigation systems in the township. Owners of

properties scheduled for inspection will be notified by mail that examiners will be on the site, they said, and cautioned that all inspections are done outside the home and at no time should any Hydrocorp employee ask to gain entrance to the residence.

Canton Township had previously required cross connection

testing on commercial and industrial facilities due to the perceived greater risk of contaminants. While testing of these facilities will continue, Canton is now required by the state to address the residential sector.

Hydrocorp employees will have marked vehicles and be wearing safety orange vests with marked uniforms. For more information, contact Hydrocorp at (844) 493-7641.

The new residential testing is mandatory and required on a five-year cycle. Any home inspected in 2021 will not be inspected again until 2026.

Westland officials ask public for help in locating potential pipe problems

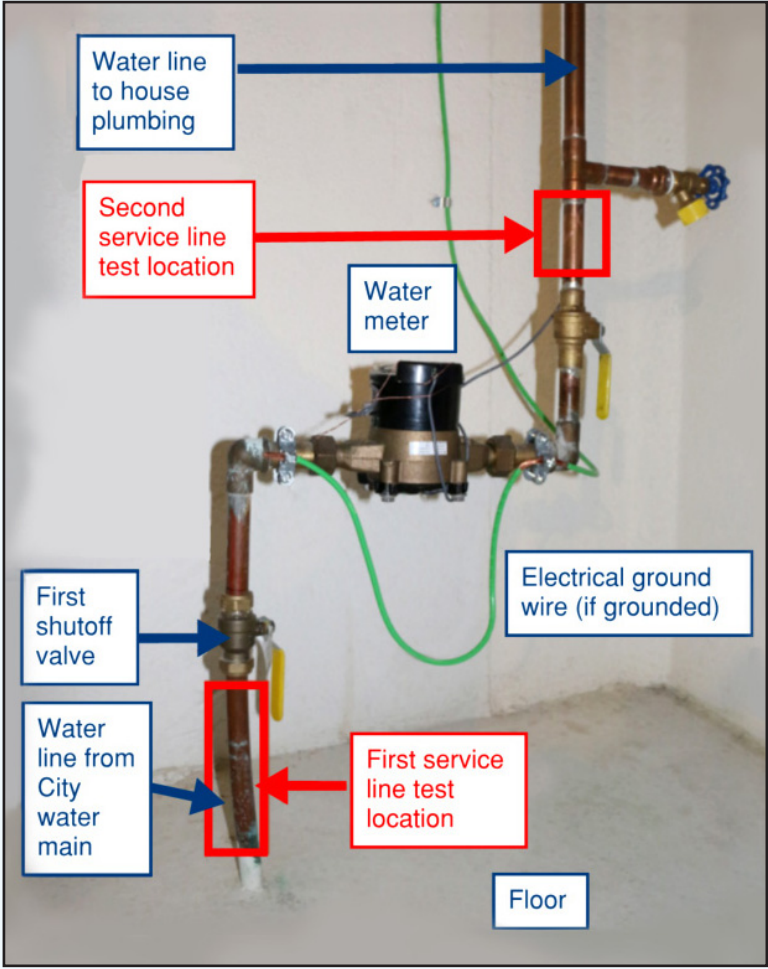
Westland Mayor William R. Wild wants his city to be the first in the state in total compliance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act.

To accomplish that goal, the city may need help from those most seriously affected by any faulty or non-compliant connections or pipes. While the city is launching a comprehensive lead service line replacement program in order to ensure that residents have safe and clean drinking water, identifying needed hazards where replacements are needed requires help from homeowners.

The 2018 amended Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act requires that public water systems maintain an inventory of service line materials in their distribution systems by Jan. 1, 2025 and replacement of any lead service lines by 2040.

Westland employees have begun the process of identifying service line materials (copper, galvanized steel, lead, plastic) throughout the water distribution system in order to comply with the regulations.

City of Westland water mains are completely lead-free, noted Wild, however, the city water mains connect to homes through a water service line that connects to the meter at each residence. These lines are the basis of the current inventory process. So far, Westland Department of Public Service personnel have identified approximately 35 percent of Westland service line material



through inspections. While most water services in Westland are comprised of copper or plastic pipe, a few existing lines may be comprised of galvanized steel or lead, officials said, and that could present a danger.

Residents will be asked to perform a few simple steps to identify the material of water service from where it enters the building and the meter. By mid-May, all households will have received a packet with detailed instructions on how to

test and identify water service line material, and instructions for submitting the material identification back to the city.

Included in the package will be instructions on identifying water service material; a magnet to test the service line and a pre-paid water service material identification postcard and QR code to online identification form

“The purpose of this outreach is to seek resident assistance in identifying their water service material type and to

notify residents that there may be a health risk, if it exists,” commented Wild. “Any lead service lines that are identified under the program will be replaced at no cost to the resident. Our goal is to be Michigan’s first community in total compliance with Michigan’s Safe Drinking Water Act.”

The pre-paid postcard or online form will be used to indicate test results and should be returned to the city upon completion.

The first step for residents will be to find the water meter in the basement, crawlspace, or garage of the home. Residents will be testing the pipe between where it enters the building and the meter and between the meter and your house plumbing.

Step two will be for residents to scratch the pipe (similar to a lottery ticket) with a key or coin. If the pipe is painted, use sandpaper to expose the metal. If the color underneath is orange, the pipe is copper. If the pipe is copper or plastic, fill out and return the enclosed pre-paid postcard, or online form to the city. If the scratch turns to a shiny silver color, the pipe could be lead or steel and residents need to proceed to step three. Officials caution resident not to use a sharper object, such as a knife to scrape the pipe and to be sure not to create a hole in the pipe.

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Annual River Day is Saturday at Flodin and Riverside parks

River Day will take place from 9 a.m. until noon this Saturday, May 15, at Flodin Park in Canton Township and Riverside Park in Plymouth.

The popular annual event will take place rain or shine and activities this year include bee house building, nature walks along the Flodin Trail, invasive species education, a kid friendly scavenger hunt and a presentation from the Southeast Michigan Bee Keepers Association on the importance of saving honeybees. A recycling education booth will also be set-up so residents can ask questions about the township curbside program.

Every spring, since 1986, Friends of the Rouge, in partnership with Rouge communities, brings volunteers together



from across the watershed to work toward the common goal of improving the Rouge River for generations to come. Those planning to attend in Canton must register prior to the event at [https://therouge.org/rouge-](https://therouge.org/rouge-rescue/)

rescue/. In Plymouth, registration will be available in the picnic shelter behind the comfort station or in advance at Plymouth Riverside Park--Friends of the Rouge.

Volunteers of all ages includ-

ing residents, students and Scout troops are encouraged to participate, officials said. And all volunteers will be asked to wear masks and socially distance themselves during the event.

BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS - WAYNE

Romulus voters approve non-homestead tax renewal

The operating renewal millage question for Romulus Community Schools was approved by 55.22 percent of voters during the May 4 balloting.

According to unofficial results, 1,101 voters were in favor of the proposal while 893

or 44.78 percent were against the proposal. There were 1,994 votes cast according to the unofficial result tallies.

Inkster is the only precinct outside the city of Romulus that

voted on the proposal. In that community, 47 voters were in favor of the renewal and 38 voted against the millage. The renewal is a continuation of the current 17.6 mills levied (\$17.6 per \$1,000 of assessed value) on non-homestead property only.

It will not result in a tax

increase for residents, according to district officials.

Voters in the district were encouraged to “renew, restore and reclaim” the operating millage as a continuing message on the school district social media page in an effort to maintain services at the current level.

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Local animal rescue group receives Petco grant funds

Dog’s best friend may very well be the Petco Love foundation which recently donated \$7,500 to the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue (FMAR) facility.

Petco Love, formerly the Petco Foundation, has donated nearly \$300 million in pet adoption and other animal lifesaving efforts since it was founded in 1999, according to a prepared statement from the organization.

The grant to FMAR will be used to continue the work of the nonprofit organization which works with local animal control facilities to save as many pet lives as possible in the Belleville and surrounding area with a treat and release program, and stray dog partnership with Sumpter Township. The non profit facility takes in more than 400 dogs and cats a year with the goal of making them healthy and giving them a fresh new start.

“We are proud to be partners with such a wonderful organization,” said Marcy LaFramboise who along with her husband, Pete, founded FMAR in 2003. The organization has spay/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and given any and all medical care needed for more than 10,000 animals who found a new start with new families who have loved and cared for them since it began.

“We would also like to thank the employees of the #1905 Westland Petco store as well as the Petco Love who has supported the lifesaving work of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue for over 17 years,” she said.

Petco Love has helped find homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations nationwide.

For more information about FMAR, visit www.friendsofmichigan.org.

Sidewalk is program under way

Residents will soon be able to take a more comfortable stroll in Van Buren Township.

More than 225 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter will soon be replaced as more than 8,000 square foot of existing concretes sidewalk is removed and replaced.

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority with the assistance of Wade Trim and Merlo Construction will begin the work this week within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority district, along Belleville Road, Tyler Road,

Ecorse Road and the I-94 Service Roads.

A map of the locations where the work will take place is available at www.vanburendd.com.

The work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete, depending on weather conditions, officials said.

In an effort to minimize damage to sprinkler heads/lines, Wade Trim will be asking impacted businesses to mark their sprinkler heads and sprinkler lines. A representative from Wade Trim will be visiting those businesses to provide them with the necessary marker flags, officials said.



Museum art

Wayne Historical Society members are hosting a stained glass mosaic class as a fundraiser beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9. The class will be taught by Michelle Pieces and everyone gets to make an 8 by10-inch stained glass work of their own design. To reserve your spot for \$45, at the Arting At The Museum website or call (734)748-3410. The event will be outside on the side lawn, and spaced accordingly. The museum is located at 35655 Park St. in Wayne.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 26, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro-Tem, Tina Talley

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Abdo

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo (present in Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (present in Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (present in Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (present in Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (present in Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused: John Barden (joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.), William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D’Sjonaun Hockenhuill - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Tanya Coffield - Recreation Coordinator; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of DPW; Kathy Hood - Assistant Director of DPW; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director

- Agenda
 - Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Minutes
 - Res. #21-116** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe **Motion Carried**
 - Res. #21-117** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Preliminary 21/22 FY Budgets for the Court, Library, and City. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe **Motion Carried**
- Petitioner - None
- Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Councilperson John Barden joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and resumed chairmanship of the meeting. **Res. #21-118** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Patricia Arsenault. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
 - Res. #21-119** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the Horseshoe Club to use the Elmer Johnson Horseshoe Pit on Wednesdays starting May 5, 2021 through September 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-120** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #00861 to update and renovate the restrooms at Elmer Johnson's Park in the amount of \$37,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-121** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the change orders #1 and #2 (total amount of \$172,709.00) to ITB 19/20-25 for all work outlined in Change Order #1 to reduce grouted joints and increase full-length liners in the amount of \$87,709.00 and Change Order #2 for the clean-up of grease build-up in the Beverly Sewer due to S&F Foods Production (the City will be requesting reimbursement from S&F Foods for the entire cost) in the amount of \$85,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
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FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Major Roads					
Fund Balance					
202-000-390.000	Fund Balance		\$529,837.00	\$ 100,700.00	\$ 429,137.00
Expense					
202-463-980.013	Capital Outlay		\$-	\$100,700.00	\$100,700.00
F. Res. #21-124 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-21 to pay for costs associated with repair to the Pinewood Pump Station #1, Guide Rail and Base Replacement. Motion Carried Unanimously					

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Oakwood SAD					
Fund Balance					
220-000-390.000	Fund Balance		\$43,339.00	\$5,0001.00	\$38,339.00
Expense					
220-441-936.001	Maintenance Expense		\$-	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

- Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 - Res. #21-099** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-16 to transfer funds from the Major Roads Fund to the Local Streets Fund to work on a patching program in Meadows Subdivision for Spring 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-100** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-17 to recognize revenue received for the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant - Kaboom! and the anticipated expenditure related to implementing the project plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-101** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-18 to move funds from Reserve Park renovation to Wayne County Allocation (Elmer Johnson's restrooms) for the anticipated expenditures related to implementing the project plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-102** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Study Session Request by Merrie Druyor, TIFA/DDA Director, for Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Amendment to Chapter 52 Article IV Special Events Section 52-86 of the City Code of Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- Public Comment - NONE
- Unfinished Business - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- New Business - NONE
- Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- Adjournment
 - Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 5, 2021.

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Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo (remote from Romulus, MI), John Barden (remote from Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (remote from Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (remote from Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (remote from Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (remote Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (remote from Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused:

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- Agenda
 - Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Minutes
 - Res. #21-095** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-096** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the adoption of a resolution declaring a local state of emergency. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Petitioner - NONE
- Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Res. #21-097** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Pewitt as requested by Mayor Burcroff. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
 - Res. #21-098** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and award ITB 20/21-12 to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder Outdoor Experts, Inc., for a two (2) year contractual services agreement, for grass and weed cutting for as-needed work specified in bid documents for the Ordinance/Public Safety Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
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Expense					
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- Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 - Res. #21-125** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-19 in the amount of \$17,500.00 for preparation of the actuarial funding valuation of the City of Romulus Retiree Health Care Plan as of June 30, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-126** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Amendment to City Code of Ordinance - Chapter 30, Article II - Section 30-25; Procedures for issuance of certificate of registration. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - No report
- Public Comment - None
- Unfinished Business - None
- New Business - None
- Warrant
 - Res. #21-127** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #: 21-8 Checks presented in the amount of \$779,961.64. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
 - Res. #21-128** Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Pastor David Jones Jr. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams Nays - None **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Adjournment
 - Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 26, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2021
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
THIS MEETING WAS HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Wadsworth

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo (remote from Romulus, MI), John Barden (remote from Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (remote from Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (remote from Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (remote from Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (remote Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (remote from Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused:

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D’Sjonaun Hockenhuill - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director; Stephen Dudek - Director of Technology Services; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Services; Merrie Druyor - Economic Development Coordinator & TIFA/DDA Director; Kathy Hood - Assistant DPW Director; Kevin Krause - Director of Fire & Emergency Services

- Agenda
 - Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Minutes
 - Res. #21-095** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-096** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the adoption of a resolution declaring a local state of emergency. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Petitioner - NONE
- Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Res. #21-097** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Willie Pewitt as requested by Mayor Burcroff. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
 - Res. #21-098** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and award ITB 20/21-12 to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder Outdoor Experts, Inc., for a two (2) year contractual services agreement, for grass and weed cutting for as-needed work specified in bid documents for the Ordinance/Public Safety Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
 - Res. #21-099** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-16 to transfer funds from the Major Roads Fund to the Local Streets Fund to work on a patching program in Meadows Subdivision for Spring 2021. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-100** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-17 to recognize revenue received for the Play Everywhere Challenge Grant - Kaboom! and the anticipated expenditure related to implementing the project plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-101** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Second Reading and Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-18 to move funds from Reserve Park renovation to Wayne County Allocation (Elmer Johnson's restrooms) for the anticipated expenditures related to implementing the project plan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-102** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Study Session Request by Merrie Druyor, TIFA/DDA Director, for Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Amendment to Chapter 52 Article IV Special Events Section 52-86 of the City Code of Ordinance. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- Public Comment - NONE
- Unfinished Business - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- New Business - NONE
- Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes
- Adjournment
 - Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pro-Tem, Tina Talley

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Councilperson Abdo

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo (present in Romulus, MI), Celeste Roscoe (present in Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (present in Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (present in Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (present in Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused: John Barden (joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.), William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D’Sjonaun Hockenhuill - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Mike Laskaska - Director of Communications & Community Service; Tanya Coffield - Recreation Coordinator; Roberto Scappaticci - Director of DPW; Kathy Hood - Assistant Director of DPW; Robert McCraight - Director of Public Services & Economic Development; Gary Harris - Purchasing Director

- Agenda
 - Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Minutes
 - Res. #21-116** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe **Motion Carried**
 - Res. #21-117** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on April 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Preliminary 21/22 FY Budgets for the Court, Library, and City. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Talley, Webb, Williams Abstain - Roscoe **Motion Carried**
- Petitioner - None
- Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Councilperson John Barden joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and resumed chairmanship of the meeting. **Res. #21-118** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Patricia Arsenault. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
 - Res. #21-119** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the Horseshoe Club to use the Elmer Johnson Horseshoe Pit on Wednesdays starting May 5, 2021 through September 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-120** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the MiDeal Contract #00861 to update and renovate the restrooms at Elmer Johnson's Park in the amount of \$37,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-121** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize the change orders #1 and #2 (total amount of \$172,709.00) to ITB 19/20-25 for all work outlined in Change Order #1 to reduce grouted joints and increase full-length liners in the amount of \$87,709.00 and Change Order #2 for the clean-up of grease build-up in the Beverly Sewer due to S&F Foods Production (the City will be requesting reimbursement from S&F Foods for the entire cost) in the amount of \$85,000.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-122** Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Tina Talley to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the contract with the State of Michigan-MDOT for the Beverly Road Phase II project with a 20% local match of \$291,000.00. The State of Michigan has awarded the City of Romulus \$1,312,100.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
 - Res. #21-123** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-20 to pay for final construction costs of Goddard Road Streetscape. Original Budget Amendment 1

Westland

Westland officials plan recycling center upgrade

Earth Day in Westland included the announcement from Mayor William R. Wild for planned updates to at the city Recycling Center, located at 37137 Marquette.

Last October, Westland was awarded a \$50,000 grant from The Environmental Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) to improve the city Recycling Center site. That funding will be used for site grading and resurfacing at the facility, making it easier for residents to drop off materials at the center. Also included in the project are new directional signs, lighting and landscaping. Work is slated to begin in late spring.

The Westland Recycling Center features a solar powered compactor for single stream recycling and provides a one stop option for residents in condominiums and apartments who do not have access to the city curbside recycling program. Additionally, the municipal recycling center provides an option for all residents to drop off items that are not currently accepted at the curb, including glass, batteries, scrap metals and automotive fluids.



Westland officials help break ground for updates to the city recycling center.

Memorial Day parade planned

There will be a Memorial Day parade in Westland to celebrate and remember veterans of all armed services.

According to Vic Barra who is organizing the event, the parade is a tribute to “the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, while we continue to honor the many veterans who have courageously served our country. We gather to support and applaud their service to our nation and community,” he said.

The parade will start at 1 p.m. May 30 beginning at John Glenn High School in Westland; travel west on Marquette Road to Carlson; head north on Carlson to the Westland William P. Faust Public Library. The march will end at the Veteran's Memorial Garden in Westland.

A small ceremony will take place at the end of the parade to pay homage to those fallen men and women that sacrificed their lives in our names, Barra said.

Any organization interested in participating in the parade should fill out the online participation request form on the City of Westland website. For information, or to register by phone, call Barra at (734) 793-9309.

Water

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therefore lead or steel, residents should place the provided magnet on the pipe. If the magnet attracts, it is a steel pipe. If the magnet does not attract and is a shiny silver color, it is a lead pipe.

If that is the case, residents need to complete the enclosed card or online form, indicating the material of the service line between where it enters the building and the meter, and between the meter and the house plumbing. Return the pre-paid postcard to the city or submit online form, officials advised.

For additional questions, or to schedule an inspection, residents can contact the Department of Public Services at (734) 728-1770.

Library to seek millage vote

In addition to winnowing candidates for both mayor and city council seats, Westland voters will be asked to approve a millage request from the William P. Faust Public Library on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

Officials have approved language for the ballot which asks voters for .85 of a mill for the next 10 years to fund the operation of the facility. If approved, the millage would generate about \$1.4 million the first year. That funding will offset the expiration this year of the current .975 millage.

The request, according to Library Director Jennifer Roth, is for “operating funds” at the facility, items like general maintenance on the building, staffing, books, programs, and services. “This is to keep the doors open,” she said.

The library budget for next fiscal year is \$3.6 million and the facility is currently operating with a staff shortage, due primarily, Roth said, to the effects of the pandemic. She said when the library reopens, she expects the seven empty positions to be filled. Roth said she and the library staff are looking forward to the reopening of the facility and a return to a full slate of programs and regular pre-COVID hours.

In addition to the library millage, Westland voters will also be asked to choose two of the five candidates seeking the mayoral seat and eight of the 13 vying for four terms on the city council.

Dog vaccination day is Saturday

Westland will host a Dog Vaccination Day set for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Saturday at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

The event is being organized by the Westland Department of Neighborhood Services and is limited to Westland residents only. Low-cost vaccinations, microchips and licenses will be available.

The vaccinations and some other services are free for veterans. Licenses will be issued on site by the office of the city clerk. Sponsors include Tail Waggers 1990, the Wayne Ford Civic League and Westland Car Care Automotive Group. The civic league building is located at 1661 North Wayne Road in Westland.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

PROPOSED WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Sumpter Township will hold a public hearing for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRFF) loan for the Sumpter Township Willow Road Watermain Replacement improvement. The purpose of the meeting is to present the Water System Improvement and to receive comments from interested parties. The hearing will be held at a Special Meeting of Sumpter Township City Council starting at 6:00pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 using Zoom, interested persons may attend either on-line or by phone.

Topic: Sumpter Township City Council - Public Hearing
Time: June 15, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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The purpose of the proposed project is to replace 1.5 miles of 12-inch watermain along Willow Road from Sumpter Road to a half mile east of Martinsville Road. This area of watermain is experiencing pitting in the existing pipe and resulting in 13 breaks over the past 8 years. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$1,250,000.00.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects will be available for inspection by the general public at the Office of the City Clerk, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, Michigan starting Thursday, May 13, 2021. Written comments received before the public hearing is closed on June 15, 2021 will be reviewed for incorporation into the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the Sumpter Townships Clerk's Office located at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, Michigan.

Esther Hurst
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS - Board of Zoning Appeals
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
June 2, 2021, 7:00 pm

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 via the Zoom Meeting application pursuant to Public Act 254 of 2020 and the Resolution Declaring a Local State of Emergency, adopted by City Council on 03/29/2021, Resolution No. 21-093 for the purpose of considering the following:

- BZA-2021-005; Peter Ochab** requesting a use variance in accordance with Section 22.03(d) to occupy the property at 11160 Inkster (Parcel ID #80-093-99-0043-000) for single-family purposes. The property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial and the existing residential structure has lost its legal nonconforming status. The Future Land Use designation for this property is Light Industrial.
- BZA-2021-006; Kade's Truck Repair/Milestone Trailer Leasing** requesting the following variances from *Section 8.04(a), Schedule of Regulations (M-T, Industrial Transportation District)* of the Zoning Ordinance:
 - A variance to reduce the side yard setbacks on the north and south sides to 4 feet where 10 feet are required for Parcels #80-051-99-0007-000 and 80-051-99-0008-001 (Kade's Truck Repair);
 - A variance to reduce the side and rear yard setbacks to 0 feet where 10 feet are required for Parcels #80-051-99-0014-000 and 80-051-99-0008-002 (Milestone Trailer Leasing); and
 - A variance to allow the lot coverage to exceed 75% for Parcels #80-051-99-0007-000; 80-051-99-0008-001; 80-051-99-0014-000; and 80-051-99-0008-002 for Kade's Truck Repair and Milestone Trailer Leasing.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87939602138?pwd=WmtmNkZkdGVZT3dMLzJKT2pMdHd6QT09>

Dial: 1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: **879 3960 2138** Passcode: **027380**

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to effectively participate in the meeting should contact the Carol Maise, City Planner at 734-955-4530 or send an email to planning@romulusgov.com by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meeting to request assistance. Closed Captions will be provided upon request.
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NORTHVILLE

Northville non-homestead tax renewal is OK'd

Unofficial results of the May 4 millage vote requested by the Northville Public Schools indicate that the non-homestead operating millage renewal was soundly approved by voters with 78.64 percent in favor of the renewal.

According to district records, 5,142 voters were in favor of the millage renewal while 1,397 voted against the question.

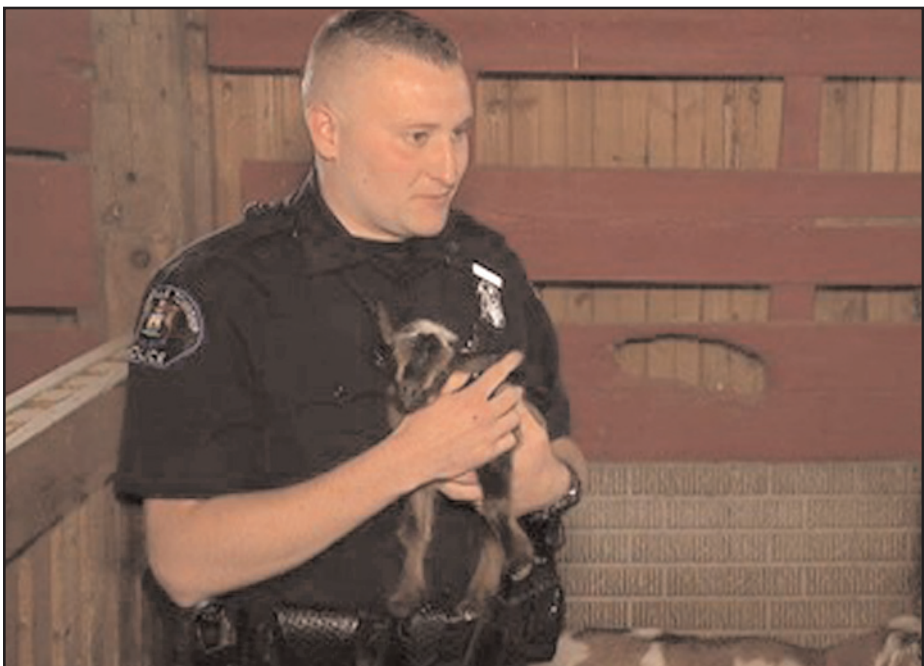
Approval of the ballot proposal renews Northville Public Schools current operating millage rate of 19.2383 mills for five years, 2022 until 2026, and permits the school district to continue to levy the maximum 18 operating mills on only non-homestead property each year.

“We gratefully acknowledge

the support of our Northville school community in this effort to ensure the full funding allocation for our schools. Strong schools are the foundation of a strong community,” said Superintendent

of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher in a prepared statement.

“We are thankful for the ongoing support of our families, community members and out community partners, who recognize the link between exemplary schools and property values and who make the education of our young people a priority,” Gallagher concluded.



Getting his goat

Since Northville Township Police Ofc. Adam Micek is a triplet, it seemed only appropriate last week for him to meet one of the newest additions to the family at Maybury Farm, also a triplet. While responding to a call from the farm last weekend, Micek was introduced to Violet, a Nigerian Dwarf goat, who gave birth to a buck and two does on Saturday. The buck has been named for Micek in recognition of the multiple birth they share. Micek is a graduate of Salem High School and celebrated his 28th birthday, along with his two siblings, on May 2. Maybury Farm has welcomed 22 new baby lambs and goats this birthing season, including baby buck Adam. The farm is located at Maybury Farm at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. For hours and information, call (248) 916-3033.

Resident named new undersheriff

Northville Township resident Mike Jaafar has been appointed Undersheriff of Wayne County, making him second in command in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, under current Sheriff Raphael “Ray” Washington.

Jaafar, 46, is the father of five and has a long history in law enforcement, having become an officer with the Detroit Police Department in 1994.

Since joining the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Jaafar has been director of

law enforcement affairs, deputy chief and chief of operations before this promotion. He was appointed to chief of operations in 2016 and graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2018.

“There are more good officers than bad ones, this is a great career,” Jafaar said in a published interview. “In any situation, you are what you make of your job. It's a very noble and honorable profession, but you're only human and no one is above the law.”

Daylighting of river is proposed

Plans to “daylight” a section of the Rouge River have been puzzling some Northville residents for months. The plans, part of a revitalization project in the City of Northville, have left some residents questioning exactly what the term means.

Engineers plan to unearth the section of the river that was covered with a tunnel during the 1920s to create land for the Northville Downs race track. Experts say the section of the Middle Rouge was vibrant when covered almost a century ago, but has now deteriorated to a home for insects, fungi and bacteria. The once-thriving waterway has become a trickle but if “daylighted” as planned, it could again become a community attraction and development plans at the racetrack site have even suggested a “riverwalk” along the area.

Uncovering the section of the river and opening it as a public amenity was a suggestion of Northville city planners who requested the action from Hunter Pasteur,

developers of the race track property, which takes up a huge portion of downtown Northville. The developer has reportedly agreed to partially fund the cost of bringing the river back to downtown. Plans would bring the river back to full strength and it would flow through the property. Planners suggest that with time, fish and other aquatic life might again return to the waterway.

Experts caution, however, that bringing the river back to full capacity will be a long and expensive process. The massive amounts of earth covering the cement tunnels will have to be excavated and removed, an extensive and expensive project.

No engineering plans or cost estimates for the daylighting project have as yet been submitted to city planners or officials, but the suggestion remains part of the ongoing plans for the redevelopment of the racetrack site at Seven Mile and Sheldon Road.

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Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo (present in Romulus, MI), John Barden (present in Romulus, MI), Tina Talley (present in Romulus, MI), William Wadsworth (present in Romulus, MI), Eva Webb (present in Romulus, MI), Virginia Williams (present in Romulus, MI)

Absent / Excused: Celeste Roscoe

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1. Agenda

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #21-103 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #21-104 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Eva Webb to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) held on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Preliminary 2021/2022 FY Budget(s). Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner - None

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A. Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. Res. #21-105 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the use of Elmer Johnson Park pavilion on Saturday, June 26, 2021 for the Romulus High School Class of 2011 for their reunion picnic. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #21-106 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for MVP Academy to use of St. John's Lodge Park baseball fields on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning April 13, 2021, through July 13, 2021. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit. Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Res. #21-107 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by William Wadsworth to concur with the administration and authorize a no fee permit for the use of the Historical Park for the annual Bird Family reunion on July 25, 2021. A 2021 parks and pavilion rental application must be completed and submitted to the Recreation Department prior to issuance of the no fee permit. Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Res. #21-108 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Virginia Williams to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of Candace Lewkowicz to the Municipal Library Board, with a one year term to expire on April 11, 2022. Motion Carried Unanimously

Res. #21-109 Moved by Eva Webb, seconded by Kathy Abdo to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of James Napiorkowski to the Municipal Library Board, with a five year term to expire April 11, 2026. Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Res. #21-110 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to concur with the administration and intro duce budget amendment 20/21-19 for preparation of the actuarial funding valuation of the City of Romulus Retiree Health Care Plan as of June 30, 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Recreation Revenue				
676-000-395.000	Retained Earnings	\$-	\$17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Expense				
676-864-820.000	Actuarial Study	\$9,770.00	\$17,500.00	\$27, 270.00

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. Res. #21-111 Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Kathy Abdo to approve the Introduction and First Reading of Amendment to City Code of Ordinance - Chapter 30, Article II - Section 30-25; Procedures for issuance of certificate of registration. Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes

8. Public Comment - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes

9. Unfinished Business

A. Res. #21-112 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Kathy Abdo to un-table action on properties from Demolition List 20-01 (11398 Harrison, 11647 Middlebelt, 11528 Whitehorn) - Tabled at the 2/8/2021 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #21-113 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by William Wadsworth to approve the demolition of structures and removal of all debris for the following properties from Demolition List 20-01: 11398 Harrison, 16447 Middlebelt, and 11528 Whitehorn. Motion Carried Unanimously

10. New Business - None

11. Warrant

A. Res. #21-114 Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by Tina Talley to approve Warrant #: 21-7 Checks presented in the amount of \$2,360,668.53. Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication - See Clerk's Office for complete copy of minutes

Res. #21-115 Moved by Virginia Williams, seconded by Kathy Abdo to extend the moratorium on water shut-offs until June 30, 2021 following the same guidelines under PA 252 of 2020. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Virginia Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 12, 2021.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

SYNOPSIS
May 6, 2021
VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, May 6, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Jason Rhines, Treasurer

Scott Frush, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. KC Foundation Charitable Gaming License – Approved

2. Arbor Hills Discussion

CLOSED SESSION: As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (e) to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body – Approved

Arbor Hills Motion – Approved

3. Brief Public Comments: None

4. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

5. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on May 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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Plymouth

Dogs must ‘stay’ on leashes in Plymouth Township park

A small portion of a Plymouth Township park is going to the dogs.

A triangular section of Plymouth Township Park near the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road will be named Golfview Neighborhood Park and will now allow leashed dogs into the area, a direct conflict with a long-standing agreement that has allowed free-range dogs in the park under the watchful eyes of “best friends.” The new designation will make the park eligible to apply for state and federal grants to help fund upgrades, officials said. The new designation could also protect the park section from residential or commercial development, officials added.

Trustees Chuck Curmi and Treasurer Mark Clinton cast dissenting votes on the renaming of the park and they were joined by Trustee Bob Doroshewitz in voting no on an addendum to the motion allowing only leashed dogs to visit the newly named area. Curmi said that he preferred the off-leash or free range area the park had provided for dogs and owners. The new on-leash rules were approved by a 4-3 vote at the April 27 meeting and will allow dogs on a leash no longer than 10 feet and will be effective for a three-month period. Owners must pick up after their dogs and are responsible for the conduct of the animal.

Clinton expressed his concern about the increased work for the park staff and both he and Curmi asked how the new rules regarding leashes and dog waste were to be enforced.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said the park was subject to a renaming and might be the subject of a naming contest in the township. He stressed that this is a pilot program which is not “set in stone” but is a test study.

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The new designation could also protect the park section from residential or commercial development.”

New Kellogg Park fountain construction is under way

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Construction is currently under way behind fabric fencing in Kellogg Park where a new fountain is being installed, replacing the iconic structure that has been a city symbol for half a century.

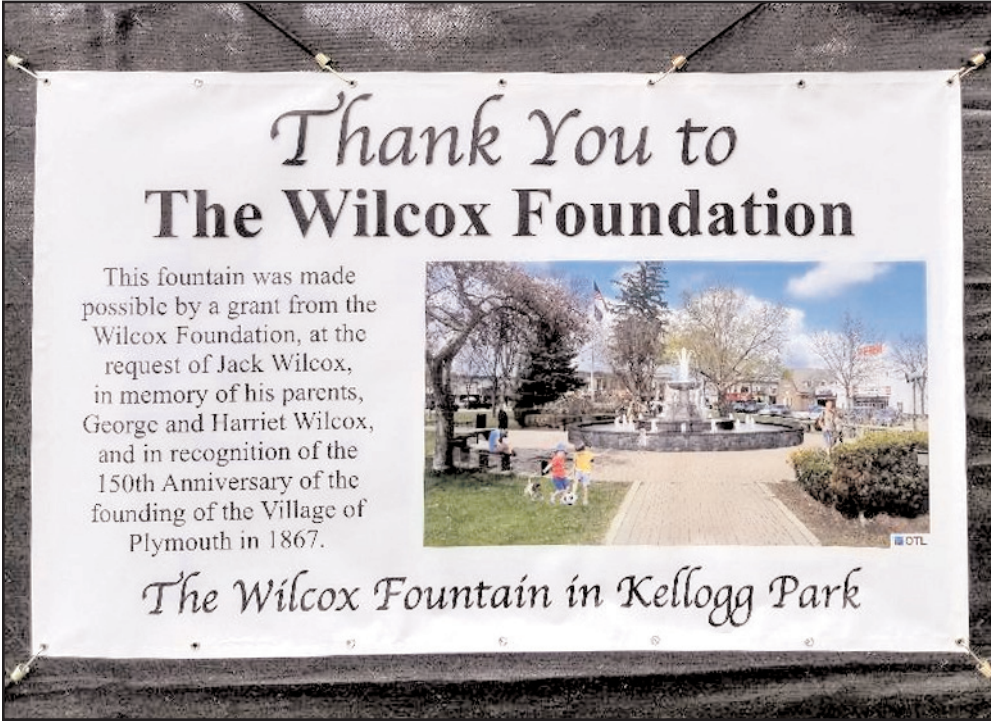
The installation of the new fountain was mutually delayed by City of Plymouth officials and administrators at the Wilcox Foundation for a year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) revealed initial plans and designs in April 2016. It was the hope of the DDA to have major upgrades to both the park and the fountain in time for the 150th anniversary of the city. After public input and study, the design by Russell Designs of Northville and WESCO Fountains of Florida was selected.

Funding for the fountain construction and installation was made possible by a grant agreement between the city and the Wilcox Foundation in the amount of \$1,170,449.10. Commissioners also authorized the expense of an additional \$30,000 for the fountain project. The approved funding was in addition to the previous authorization of \$20,000 in funding from the Downtown Development Authority bringing the city contribution for the fountain to \$50,000. At their meeting earlier this month, city commissioners also approved the expense for installation of benches as part of the Kellogg Fountain replacement.

According to a recent statement from the DDA, demolition of the 50-year-old fountain is now complete and general contractor Shaw Construction of Livonia is now working on site preparation and utility connections.

“This project has been a long time coming,” said Mayor Oliver Wolcott. “It’s only because of the generosity of the Wilcox Foundation that we’ll be able to see it come to fruition.”



New phone app offers location of train delays at city crossings

The frequent and long delays due to trains blocking roadways in Plymouth can now be avoided by technology.

City of Plymouth officials and Integrated Traffic Systems LLC have collaborated to help motorists locate and predict train delays.

The new Plymouth Trains app allows users to receive a notification and an estimated waiting time when a train is blocking a roadway in the community.

There are settings to allow users receive notifications constantly or for specific times or days of the week. Another optional setting uses the motorist’s location and sends a notification when within range of a blocked crossing.

The “chance of train” feature can help drivers plan trips by seeing the likelihood of a blocked crossing.

The app is still in development and is currently active for only the Farmer Street crossing.

A city spokesman said work on infrastructure and technology issues to cover the remaining crossings in the city is under way.

The app is available on the Apple App Store and an Android version is in the works, he added.

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